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Dear Local Presidents:

Mrs. L. W. Hughes

EACH autumn the beginning of another school year brings an elusive yet unmistakable sense of excitement—the stimulating challenge of new facts to be learned, new projects to be undertaken, and new services to be contributed.

With our summer vacations now a memory, we parent-teacher members look forward to another year of purposeful activity. And for the National Congress this is truly our most momentous year—a milestone marking half a century of earnest, steadfast effort on behalf of American children and youth.

Our four million members comprise *more* than a vast national organization; they constitute a great educational and humanitarian movement in which each of us plays a significant part. Our strength rests entirely with you who meet the problems of your communities as best you can—you who carry out the objectives of the entire organization in your cities and towns and villages.

Fall Inventory. September is the time to take stock of ourselves to make sure we are ready for the busy winter ahead. Have you developed your program of work? Are you ready to report on your Summer Round-Up activities? Are you encouraging your members to subscribe or renew their subscriptions to the *National Parent-Teacher?* Are you planning to use the two study courses in this, our official P.T.A. magazine? Are your committee chairmen well acquainted with their duties for the year?

Plans of Work. Our national chairmen of standing committees have recently been busy looking to the future, too. They have made or revised their plans of work for the coming term of three years, and these have been approved by the Executive Committee. Although the plans are directed particularly to state chairmen, they will eventually be carried out by the local units in every corner of the nation.

Executive Committee Meeting. The summer meeting of the Executive Committee, held every three years at the beginning of each administration, convened this year on July 9. The committee made preliminary plans for the 1947 convention (see page 8 for an announcement about the time and place of that momentous occasion) and discussed several other ways of highlighting our Golden Jubilee. The pages of the *Bulletin* will keep you up to date about these plans, as they take shape in the months to come.

Founders Day 1947. During our fiftieth anniversary year, increased emphasis will be given to Founders Day gifts, and special material will be sent to the local units for use in observing the birthday of the National Congress. It is hoped that a commemorative stamp may be issued and that an international radio program may be broadcast on Founders Day 1947, perhaps from Marietta, Georgia, the girlhood home of Alice McLellan Birney. Material is also being collected for a little volume that will deal with the background, growth, and accomplishments of the organization.

Teachers in the Community. Now that our children are back in their schoolrooms, we might remind each other of the decisive role that their teachers play in shaping the character and perhaps the very destiny of our American youth. During the first weeks of school, let's make every effort to show these teachers how much we appreciate their wise guidance of our young people.

The National Congress has striven consistently through the years to keep teaching standards high. And since the war, when the ranks of teachers were so seriously depleted, we have been working hard to encourage well-qualified young people to enter the profession. But we still have much to do to elevate teaching to its proper status in the community. *You* can help by making teachers' lives a bit happier than they have sometimes been in the past.

Are there some new faces on the faculty of your school this year? Is your P.T.A. planning a special welcome for all instructors? A gracious gesture now may be the foundation for an enduring and cooperative relationship in the future. But do not let your efforts cease with one social function in the fall. Teachers are usually eager to take part in the affairs of the community. It is for us as parents to make them feel welcome and *necessary* in the social and civic life of our neighborhood or town.

Food. During the summer and autumn months, your gardens have been helping to swell the total food supply of this nation and thus release critical foods to the devastated countries of the world. We are proud of each of you for your share in the food conservation program. The situation is beginning to ease somewhat, but famine still threatens many nations, and we shall have to continue our efforts until after the harvests of 1947. Through the fall canning season, we are relying on you to preserve as much food as possible and to economize on staple items needed elsewhere.

Membership. Our outstanding membership figures for 1945–46 bear testimony to the fact that local membership chairmen have been both diligent and persevering. May we hope that by April 1947 we shall have *five million* parents and teachers working hand in hand to reach new heights of achievement for the good of our nation's children!

Sincerely yours,

Mabel W. Hughes

President
National Congress of Parents and Teachers

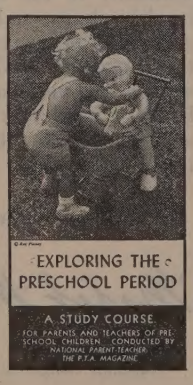
P.T.A. STUDY PROGRAMS

1. The Family Rediscovers Itself
2. Exploring the Preschool Period

SEPTEMBER will bring to all *National Parent-Teacher* subscribers the first article in each of the 1946–47 study courses, both of which promise to meet our highest standards of what a study course should be. We have only to glance at some of the surprises in store for the next ten months to know that the editors of the P.T.A. magazine have devoted an unusual amount of time and attention to the two new series. Many outstanding authorities have consented to share their vast knowledge with us throughout the coming months.

As in previous years, the preschool study course, *Exploring the Preschool Period*, will be conducted by Ethel Kawin, well-known child psychologist and director of guidance in the Glencoe Public Schools. Our national chairman of Parent Education, Ralph H. Ojemann, staff member of the Iowa Child Welfare Research Station, will again direct the parent education course, this year entitled *The Family Rediscovers Itself*. All serious-minded parents and teachers will find both series extremely profitable and full of real enjoyment as well.

• The September issue of the magazine carries a delightfully written article on "Baby Training Up to Date" by Dr. Benjamin Spock of the staff of Cornell Medical College and New York Hospital. Dr. Spock, author of a recent book, *The Common Sense of Baby and Child Care*, is responsible for many of the best and newest practices in the wise handling of the very young.


EXPLORING THE
PRESCHOOL PERIOD
A STUDY COURSE
FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN · CONDUCTED BY NATIONAL PARENT-TEACHER THE P.T.A. MAGAZINE

• Also in September "Your Family Is Your Fortune" provides a stimulating introduction to the parent education study course. It is written by Joseph K. Folsom, professor of sociology at Vassar College and chairman of the National Council of Parent Education, who is known to P.T.A. members for his interesting and original writings on marriage and family life.

The preschool course continues in October with a challenging article that asks "Does Your Child Do What the Others Do?" Its author is none other than Arnold Gesell, one of the most eminent child specialists in America today. Professor of child hygiene and director of the Yale Clinic of Child Development in the Yale School of Medicine, Dr. Gesell has earned renown for his many behavior studies of both normal and exceptional children.

The October issue will also feature an article by our new national chairman of Mental Hygiene, Sara M. Holbrook. When she discusses that oft-perplexing subject, "Counseling with Our Adolescents," Miss Holbrook writes from many years of sound, practical experience.

• In November parents will find valuable preparation for the Christmas season in Christine Heinig's treatment of the important question, "What Toys Are Best?" Miss Heinig, who has just returned from Australia, will do much to deepen our understanding of the playtime needs of tiny toddlers.

• And in this same issue S. R. Laycock, president of the Canadian Federation of Home and School, will take up the pertinent matter of "Boys, Girls, and Sex." Dr. Laycock, professor of educational psychology at the University of Saskatchewan, has become expert at translating scientific research on mental hygiene into everyday language.

These, then, are but a few of the many inspiring articles that go to make up our two illuminating study courses. If you are deeply concerned with the children whose welfare is in your guiding hands, you simply cannot afford to miss a single issue of the *National Parent-Teacher* during 1946–47!

Mrs. B. F. Langworthy

Introducing a NEW HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT

• By official action at the National Convention in Denver, Mrs. B. F. Langworthy of Winnetka, Illinois, a past national president, received the title of honorary vice-president for life.

Mrs. Langworthy served as national president from 1934 to 1937, following an administration that had been obliged to focus its energies chiefly on preventing the depression from injuring the schools. Under her inspired leadership the National Congress concentrated its attention on the home as a "wellspring of security" for the child.

• *After leaving the presidency she served as editor of the* National Parent-Teacher *in 1937 and 1938.*

Mrs. Langworthy has been active in the social and civic organizations of Illinois for many years. She has been particularly interested in the work of the Illinois Social Hygiene League, the Chicago League for the Hard of Hearing, and the Juvenile Protective Association.

Our new honorary vice-president has always been a leader in every sense of the word. Many a state president, many a local officer, owes the continued effectiveness of her work to Mrs. Langworthy's ability to make these activities stand out in their true importance. Her farsighted vision and specific contributions will affect the growth of parent-teacher cooperation in this country and elsewhere for many years to come.

Membership Proclamation

AS WE approach another Membership Enrollment Month, we pause to take earnest account of the work that lies before us in this fiftieth year of the parent-teacher movement. It is highly fitting for us to set ourselves such a task at this time. Not only is 1946–47 a momentous year for the parent-teacher organization but it is one of critical importance for our nation and all other nations. The past twelve months have seen the world struggling to attain peace after a gigantic global war. The war has ended, but peace has not yet come.

We are beginning to realize that peace is something to work for, not merely something that arrives automatically the moment the bombings and the machine-gun fire have ceased. As we pay a price for war, we must pay a price for peace—not in lives but in energy and effort and the ability to forsake self-interest for the common good.

We, the members of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, have a part in this great mission to win and preserve the peace. We have set ourselves the responsibility of guiding and caring for the children of the world, so that they may build what we have failed to build—unity and harmony among nations. Each one of them, each one of all the millions of them, must receive his full and rightful measure of health, education, and hope for happiness.

How can we discharge this responsibility which we have taken upon ourselves so solemnly? We can discharge it by directing our endeavors into two channels: First, we must work as individual parent-teacher units for the health and safety of the children in our own communities—our children, our neighbor's children, their classmates at school, the children across the tracks and on the other side of town and on the outlying farms. And, second, we must use all our strength and our resources to give those children, all of them, an education that will fit them for their tremendous role in the years to come—an education in the best of schools, staffed with the best of teachers, furnished with the best of programs and equipment. We must use the concentrated power of our four million present members, and all others who enter into membership this year, to provide such schools, such teachers, and such programs by working for a permanent system of Federal aid, locally directed and locally controlled. Let us solemnly pledge ourselves, individually and as an organization, to ensure equal educational opportunity to all the children in this nation, wherever they live, whatever their circumstances.

Never before have we been confronted by so stirring a challenge. Never before has our obligation been so grave, so compelling. But we need not fear or falter. Always in the past we have met our challenges, discharged our obligations. And again this year we shall not fail. We need only the combined power of all the farseeing, diligent, and energetic men and women in this country who believe firmly in the Objects and goals of our organization. Many thousands of these men and women are not yet parent-teacher members. Let us, in this month of intensive membership activity, throw open our doors to those who can so ably add their strength to ours. They have need of us, and we of them.

Now therefore I, Mabel W. Hughes, president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, do hereby designate the month of October 1946 as Membership Enrollment Month. I call upon every member of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers to work with steadfast, consecrated endeavor to preserve and advance the welfare of children in his own home, his school, and his community. Only thus can we win others to our ranks—by setting them an unparalleled example of selfless service to a selfless cause.

To this proclamation, accordingly, I have set my hand and the seal of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

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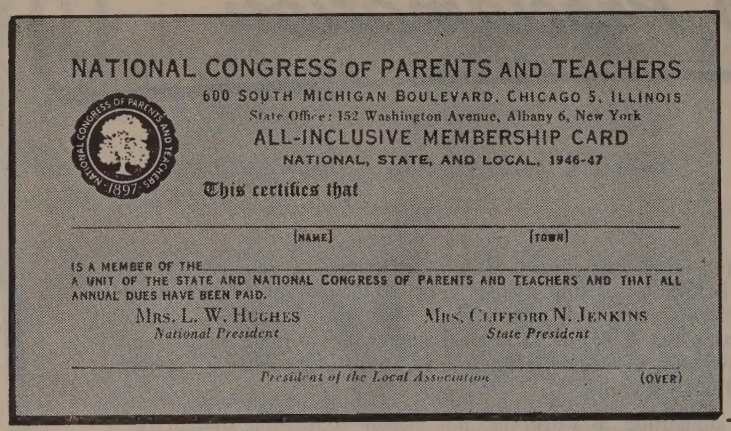
Mabel W. Hughes

President,
National Congress of Parents and Teachers



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MRS. L. W. HUGHES, *National President*

MRS. CLIFFORD N. JENKINS, *State President*

President of the Local Association (OVER)

OUR *Golden Jubilee* GOAL...

FIVE MILLION PTA MEMBERS BY *APRIL 1947*!

ENROLLMENT of memberships for our Golden Jubilee year should begin at once. If all of us join hands, we can make our 1947 membership record worthy of the rich experiences and unlimited resources accumulated by our organization in its half century of existence. This year, even more than in other years, it is of paramount importance for every member of every local association to enter into the spirit of our onward progress. How? By doing all in his power to increase our membership enrollment.

The gaining of new members is in a sense the very foundation of all parent-teacher endeavor. The great strength of the organization lies in the *individual* strength of each of its thousands of local units. All these are united in a vital and effective movement to establish better homes, better schools, and better communities.

A Portal Open to All

Any man or woman interested in the welfare of children may contribute his share to that great guiding force, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, by joining a local P.T.A. and accepting the obligations and responsibilities which go with that membership.

Belonging to a P.T.A. entitles an individual to work with millions of other citizens to improve conditions in public health, recreation, safety, motion pictures, radio, library service, legislation, juvenile protection, school education, and other fields concerned with the wholesome growth of children.

A Channel of Communication

Because P.T.A. membership is all-inclusive—local, state, and national—an unobstructed avenue of approach must be maintained from the national Membership Committee to its many local counterparts in all states of the Union. The *National Congress Bulletin* is this important avenue, and in its pages space will be available for promoting a very active membership program in the months ahead. Here membership chairmen from all sections of the country may exchange ideas for accomplishing their aims and give account of successes already achieved.

Fall—The Membership Season

During September and October it is most important that an intensive enrollment program be conducted in each community and school district. No membership committee member need be reminded that at this particular time the qualities of friendship, sincerity, and tact are essential to the success of the program.

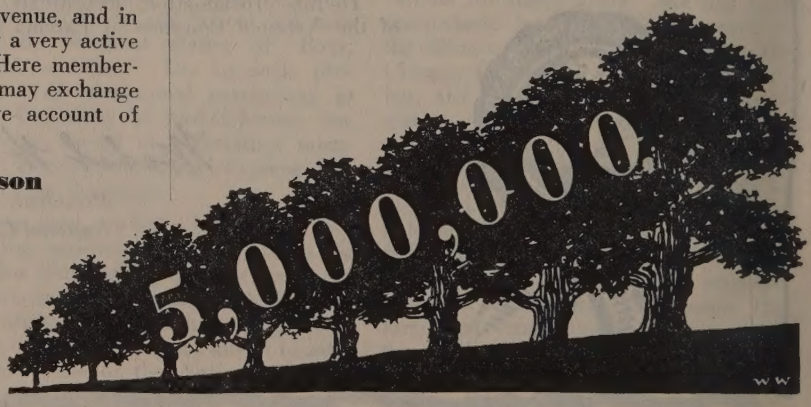
Many of the regular local activities may well serve to advance our membership aims. Good publicity for enrollment week or membership month, well-planned programs, personal visits to the homes of parents, a special membership tea or supper, evening meetings to which school patrons are transported in the school bus, special recognition to visitors and new members at every meeting, and constant efforts to make each person feel that he is needed and wanted in the organization—all these are excellent membership-building practices.

The use of National Congress publications is an extremely valuable means of getting prospective members interested in the P.T.A. Through the vast resources of these materials, the broad vision of our organization may be shared with individuals even before the question of dues comes up.

"Wherever There Are Children" . . .

The responsibility for extending the parent-teacher program through the organizing of new units is one of great concern to the National Congress. Even today there are still hundreds of schools in America that have no parent-teacher associations. In these schools lies a large potential increase in membership for each state congress—and a challenge to all state membership chairmen.

After a survey of all districts and counties has been made, every effort should be directed toward promoting and organizing new local units. Our rural areas, particularly, need the special contribution the National Congress can make to their problems, and the organization, in turn, needs the support of the men and women in our smaller towns and villages. Parent-teacher activities are essential activ-



ities wherever there are children—and that is, of course, everywhere!

Cooperation Is the Key

In extending and strengthening the parent-teacher program, our leaders have no greater allies than the state departments of education, the local school boards, the school trustees, and departments of health. Often it is possible for parent-teacher leaders to travel with agricultural agents, county superintendents, members of health departments, or other state officials into the more remote communities for P.T.A. extension work. This close cooperation with educators and other state officials will bring not only gains in parent-teacher membership but also many important benefits to the children of the nation.

GOLDEN
1897
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JUBILEE

Only by teamwork and the active participation of *all* the members of *all* our local units will it be possible to achieve our national membership goal. Working together with strength, vision, and courage, we shall see enlisted in the parent-teacher movement many more hundreds of sincere, interested adults who will help to carry out our Objects. Each of us has a solemn charge, a sacred trust, a clear call to action. Let us not fail! Five million memberships in 1947!

Clara M. Beckham

National Chairman
Committee on Membership

FLASH!.....!!!!!

The editors of *National Parent-Teacher: The P.T.A. Magazine* are happy to announce a new series of articles by Bonaro W. Overstreet entitled:

HOW TO THINK ABOUT YOURSELF

Readers of the *National Parent-Teacher* have come to look upon Mrs. Overstreet as their general adviser—a trusted friend who holds a unique place in their affections. Knowing the broad patterns of human behavior as well as the foibles and eccentricities of the human personality, she is keenly aware of how to help each of us make the most of our lives.

Mrs. Overstreet tries in this new series to show what are the wise ways and what are the dangerous ways for a person to think about himself. In the 1946–47 issues of the magazine she will explore the following topics in her own serious yet charming style:

1. **You Are a Human Being**
2. **You Are Heir to a Tradition**
3. **You Are the Product of a Culture**
4. **You Are the Maker of a Culture**
5. **You Are a Set of Habits**
6. **You Are a Set of Values**
7. **You Are a Person Among People**
8. **You Are Different from Everyone Else**
9. **Wrong Ways of Thinking About Yourself**
10. **The Linkage-Pattern of Personality**

Here are *ten good reasons* for making sure the *National Parent-Teacher* magazine comes regularly to your home!

Membership cards are distributed from the state congress office—*not* from the National Office.

A candid snapshot of four members of the national Board of Managers participating in a nation-wide radio broadcast. From left to right: H. B. McCarty, national Radio chairman; Mrs. John E. Hayes, first vice-president; Mrs. L. W. Hughes, president; and Charles W. Phillips, second vice-president.

September Topics

NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM

Here are the titles of the next four broadcasts in the P.T.A. radio series. Tune in Saturdays at 2:30 Eastern Daylight Saving Time, over your nearest NBC station.

September 7	**Bud Goes A.W.O.L.**
September 14	**Janey Loses Her Diary**
September 21	**Parents Don't Mean Any Harm**
September 28	**Driver Training Enters the Curriculum**

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PRESENTING . . . Our New *National Chairmen*

DURING the next three years, seventeen of our standing committees will be headed by new chairmen, who were elected last May at the 1946 convention. Thirteen national chairmen were reelected and will continue to serve the National Congress for a second term of three years.

In keeping with the trend of the times and with our constantly broadening parent-teacher interests, a national Committee on World Citizenship has been created by action of the Board of Managers. It combines the work of the Committee on Citizenship and the Committee on International Relations, both of which have been discontinued.

In the following columns the *Bulletin* takes pleasure in introducing to you the seventeen new chairmen, all of whom are particularly well qualified for their positions of leadership.

ART

Elise E. Ruffini is acting head of the fine arts department at Teachers College, Columbia University. Thousands of parent-teacher members throughout the country know her as an inspiring speaker and lecturer. At the 1944 national convention she took part in the symposium "For All Children—A Good Home." Miss Ruffini studied abroad for several years and has traveled extensively in Europe, South America, Mexico, Canada, and North Africa.

CHARACTER AND SPIRITUAL EDUCATION

Mrs. R. V. Hall was a member of the national Board of Managers from 1940 to 1943 as president of the Arkansas Congress. Her many years of successful P.T.A. activity have been bulwarked by intensive leadership training in Virginia and North Carolina. Deeply interested in all that has to do with character building, Mrs. Hall takes a prominent part in church activities promoting the spiritual education of youth. She has been a member of the Arkansas State Safety Council and the Arkansas State Expenditure Council.

HEALTH AND THE SUMMER ROUND-UP OF THE CHILDREN

In his chosen field of medicine Dr. G. F. Moench specializes in the problems of public health and has served the Michigan Congress as state chairman of the health and Summer Round-Up committee. Dr. Moench is health director of Calhoun and Hillsdale counties in the Michigan Community Health Project under the Kellogg Foundation. A nonresident lecturer in the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan, he is on the board of directors of both the Michigan School Health Association and the Michigan State Health Officers Association. He has also held the positions of city and county health commissioner.

Miss Ruffini

Mrs. Cook

Mrs. Hall

Mrs. Beckham

Dr. Moench

Miss Holbrook

Mrs. Twitchell

Mrs. Heylmun

Miss Sanders

Mrs. Murray

Mrs. Eshelman

Mrs. Gould

HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE

Mrs. Leonard G. Twitchell, past president of the New Jersey state branch, has served for more than twenty years in various parent-teacher offices, including state vice-president, secretary, and chairman of procedure and bylaws. She has been a frequent contributor to her state bulletin, and her informative articles on procedure and bylaws have been of particular help and interest to state and local P.T.A. leaders.

For her parent-teacher work Mrs. Twitchell has a background of teaching as well as parenthood. A former kindergarten and first-grade teacher, she has been president of the Newark Kindergarten Association. She has also been active in other community organizations, including the League of Women Voters.

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE

To her new position A. Pauline Sanders brings varied and valuable experience, both as chief of home economics in the Pennsylvania State Department of Instruction and as recent chairman of education for home and family life in the Pennsylvania Congress.

Miss Sanders is well known as a speaker and writer in the field of home economics. Her research studies and other articles dealing with nutrition have appeared in several well-known publications.

JUVENILE PROTECTION

Mrs. Joseph W. Eshelman, who has just completed a term as president of the Alabama Congress, has devoted many years to a wide variety of parent-teacher activities. She has done volunteer social and welfare work with several community agencies and is a member of the board of directors both of the

Mrs. Putney

Mrs. Ehlers

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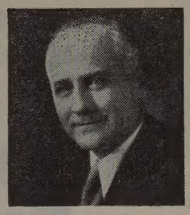

Dr. Mahan

Dr. McDonald

Infantile Paralysis Foundation and of the Girl Scouts. An ardent Red Cross worker, Mrs. Eshelman has a strong and abiding interest in human problems, particularly those of children and adolescents.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Stanley G. Cook has already had several months' experience as chairman of the Committee on Legislation, having been appointed earlier in the year to fill the vacancy left by the death of Mrs. McClellan. She is an immediate past president of the Maryland Congress and has also served as secretary and as program chairman of her state branch.

In addition to articles on parent-teacher work published in the bulletins of other organizations, Mrs. Cook has written articles for the American Mathematical Society. She is a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the League of Women Voters, and the Women's Field Army, American Cancer Society.

MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Walter H. Beckham, immediate past president of the Florida Congress, comes to her new office after many years of experience in parent-teacher work as well as in leading and organizing Red Cross, Community Chest, and other service campaigns.

Mrs. Beckham's interest in equal educational opportunities for youth is evidenced by her volunteer service with the Citizens' Committee on Education and the Florida Continuing Education Council. Active in other welfare projects, she has been a member of the Dade County Juvenile Council, the Council of Social Agencies, and the Florida Cancer Society.

MENTAL HYGIENE

As state chairman of mental hygiene, Sara M. Holbrook has been a member of the board of managers of the Vermont Congress for eight years. She is assistant professor of education at the University of Vermont, where she teaches mental hygiene.

Miss Holbrook has been a summer instructor at both the University of Alabama and the University of Missouri and recently conducted a mental testing program for returned veterans. Now president of the Vermont Mental Hygiene Association, she is also a former president of the American Association of Visiting Teachers. She has written articles for various professional journals.

MUSIC

Mrs. J. W. Heylmun is a former chairman of music and art in the Illinois Congress and recently served as vice-president in charge of community service.

A graduate of Bethany Conservatory of Music in Lindsborg, Kansas, Mrs. Heylmun has been an organist, choral director, and private teacher of music for more than fifteen years. She now teaches nursery and kindergarten classes at the Chicago Commons Settlement and has assisted in the musical therapy program for servicemen at the U.S. Base Hospital at Great Lakes, Illinois. She is a member of the board of education and of the mayor's youth commission in her home community of Oak Park.

PROGRAMS

Still another past president of a state congress is Mrs. James L. Murray of Indiana, who has held several other offices in her state branch—as second vice-president and as chairman of legislation, of juvenile delinquency, and of international relations. Mrs. Murray's service in other groups includes the chairmanship of the Legislative Group of Indiana and membership in the Marion County Council of Social Agencies. She is also on the board of each of the following organizations: the Indiana League of Women Voters, the Indianapolis Community Fund, the Marion County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and the Indianapolis Day Nursery Association.

PUBLICITY

Mrs. Paul L. Gould has been an active parent-teacher leader for many years, having held office as president of the Rhode Island Congress, as vice-president in charge of state publicity, as second vice-president in charge of finance, and as first vice-president in charge of organization and extension.

For volunteer service in parent-teacher publicity, Mrs. Gould is qualified by years of professional experience in practical newspaper work. She has been with such papers as the *Springfield* (Massachusetts) *Republican* and the *Providence* (Rhode Island) *Journal.*

A leader in welfare, civic, and governmental projects, Mrs. Gould is on the advisory council of the Rhode Island School for the Deaf and is a member of the Rhode Island Postwar Planning Committee for State Institutions, the Group Work Division of Social Agencies, the Child Protection Association, and the Consumer Conference Committee.

READING AND LIBRARY SERVICE

Since her graduation from the School of Library Science at Simmons College, Mrs. Luther R. Putney's interest in library work has never flagged. She is a member of the Massachusetts Library Aid Association and a trustee of the Lexington Public Library. In her work as a parent-teacher leader she has been president and vice-president of the state branch, and is now editor of the state bulletin.

Mrs. Putney has been a member of the Governor's Committee on Recreation, the Conference Committee on Youth Problems and Minimum Standards for Education. She is a member of two committees in the Massachusetts Teachers Federation and also serves on the state committee on education, Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs.

RECREATION

Mrs. John F. Ehlers, former state chairman of recreation in the Maryland Congress, has been active in the field of recreation since 1930 and is now on the staff of the National Recreation Association.

A former teacher, Mrs. Ehlers supervised adult recreation, social recreation, music, and dramatics in the Baltimore Department of Public Recreation for thirteen years. She has also been organizer and director of recreation in the New York State Reformatory for Girls.

SOCIAL HYGIENE

Mrs. Charles D. Center recently completed a term as national chairman of

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the Committee on Programs. As chairman of the Committee on Social Hygiene she will draw on her experience as social hygiene consultant for the Georgia Department of Health and executive secretary of the Georgia Social Hygiene Council. Both by education and by experience she is well versed in the many problems of social hygiene and family life.

Mrs. Center has long been a member of the national Board of Managers by virtue of her offices as national secretary, national chairman of Publicity, and president of the Georgia Congress.

VISUAL EDUCATION

Bruce E. Mahan is director of the extension division of the University of Iowa and editor of its extension bulletins. He has been a speaker and panel participant at many state parent-teacher conferences and conventions and has held the offices of state chairman of music and drama and of international relations. A former president of the National University Extension Association, he has also represented this group as a member of the Federal Radio Education Committee. He is the author of several books, articles, and pageants centering around the early history of his own state.

WORLD CITIZENSHIP

The National Congress is deeply grieved to announce the death of *E. L. Fox,* national chairman of the new Committee on World Citizenship, on July 24, in a bus accident. The loss of so fine, intelligent, and scholarly a man will long be felt not only by our own organization but by the whole educational world.

Ralph McDonald, executive secretary of the Department of Higher Education in the National Education Association, has been appointed interim chairman of the World Citizenship Committee. An educator who has taught for many years at Duke University and the University of North Carolina, Dr. McDonald has been prominent in educational and political activities in North Carolina ever since he went there as a rural schoolteacher in 1927.

He is past president of his state education association, has been a candidate for the governorship of North Carolina, and has been congressman in his state legislature. Parent-teacher members will be particularly interested to know that this newcomer to the national Board of Managers is chairman of the National Committee on Atomic Information.

OUR ADOLESCENT BAXTERS . . .

Janey and Bud Baxter

As you listen to *The Baxters* each Saturday afternoon, haven't you often wanted to meet them? We thought you might enjoy a picture of Bud and Janey, so here they are during a script sequence of one of their broadcasts. Like most young girls her age, Janey has an enviable collection of pin-ups, which she is displaying to her radio brother, Bud.

The role of Janey is played by Jane Webb, a pretty 21-year-old who began her professional career at the age of seven. She sang Swedish songs and acted as a tiny mistress of ceremonies in a show at the Chicago Century of Progress in 1933. Three years later she was given her first radio assignment and was featured consistently in child roles after that. Now an attractive young lady, she is recognized as one of Chicago's most promising radio actresses. As wholesome as her radio personality, Janey Baxter, she was an outstanding athlete during her high school days and is still an enthusiastic sports addict.

As for Bud, his name in real life is Arthur Young. A handsome lad of seventeen, Arthur has also earned well-deserved praise for his radio acting. He is eligible for a tuition scholarship at college this fall, and in a recent selection made in cooperation with the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce he was named "Boy of the Month."

And now maybe you'd like to see the baby of the Baxter family—delightful, irrepressible Sandy! We'll try to bring you a picture of him next month.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SUMMER ROUND-UP REPORT!

Autumn *is* a busy season, but don't forget that the report of your Summer Round-Up activities is an important item on our parent-teacher calendar! Report blanks are being mailed to you this month for the recording of information about your work.

In accordance with our national Summer Round-Up campaign requirements, the report blank from *each local association* should reach either the state office or the National Office not later than November 1 in order that the unit may receive full credit toward a certificate award.

We know that many fine Summer Round-Up projects are being carried on, and we hope yours will be properly recorded by the deadline date, November 1.

When you have finished with your September copy of *National Parent-Teacher; The P.T.A. Magazine,* please give it to some friend, neighbor, or teacher who is not a subscriber.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION — 1947 !

The 1947 convention of the National Congress will be held in Chicago on May 26, 27, and 28, and plans are already being made for this Golden Jubilee meeting. The choice of such a centrally located city will enable parent-teacher leaders from all sections of the country to attend the memorable sessions of this convention, which will fittingly commemorate our fiftieth birthday as a great national organization.